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The annual booklet of the American Philatelic Congress held at Philadelphia, on December 1, 2, 3 of this year is dedicated to its first President Eugene Klein late of Philadelphia. The tribute to Mr. Klein is that originally published in the Washington Sunday Star for May 7, 1944, written by James Waldo Fawcett and printed soon after the death of Mr. Klein.

It is quite appropriate that this splendid tribute has been preserved in this Tenth Annual Congress booklet.

Since the Congress was held in conjunction with the annual SE-PAD National Stamp Exhibition a few pages are devoted to listing the clubs of the area which participate in this annual show also a list of exhibitors. There is also a page for program etc. The Foreward is by Franklin Bruns Jr. as acting president, now elected president.

This year there are twelve papers published and each of them is of much interest and value. Starting with President Franklin, "Doddering Old Man" by H. Bedford-Jones we get some unusual highlights on Benjamin Franklin and the framers of our own Constitution. Altho not stampic it is well worth reading.

Van Dyk MacBride writes of The Confederate Dead Letter Office, Its Envelopes and Handstamps. The article carries numerous fine illustrations.

Everett Erie takes Basoutoland for his subject and shows what can be done with a modern country, modern in so far as age in Philatelic annals is concerned.

Louis J. Beitzmann writes an interesting story on Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin.

The "B Free Franklin" Letter is the subject of Jere Hess Barr and tells in a brief way the history of this rare cover and letter penned by Benjamin Franklin.

Harvey Bounds tells of the Postal History to Delaware and shows numerous early stampless covers from this one of the original thirteen states.

Postage Due Marks of United States Covers is a very big subject but Robert F. Brinton goes into it in a thorough manner and his story goes back to stampless cover days and brings on up through the years to the early U. S. stamped covers with Postage Due Markings. The pages of illustrations show that Mr. Brinton must have spent many years in

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This is a V-Mail Christmas greeting and rings with sincerity for we find the Lieutenant peacefully sleeping in his blankets under an improvised shelter on a bleak and dreary shore, but with enough faith in Santa Claus that he has provided a post on which he hangs a Holly wreath to give a small semblance of this Christmas Day and alongside this is his stocking, which he probably hopes will be filled with a few good (dead) Japs when he awakens, for what else might one rather find in their stocking in this area.

The card bears the simple inscription, "Merry Christmas—Honest", and that, under such circumstances just makes one's throat fill up and choke. When our boys can dish it out like that while they are doing the suffering that we might live on.

Many other splendid V-Mail greetings have come to our office as well as improvised cards and folders from those overseas, we acknowledge these cards and greetings in our Editorial column, this week. What better use could we make of this space than to salute our many friends.

his search for the information he gives.

Horace W. Barr tells of Philadelphia Postmarks on Stampless covers and illustrates a large number of them.

Felix Brunner writes of St. Andrew's Crosses on Austrian and Lombardo-Venetian Stamps. These have always been among the most sought for of Austrian issues and the splendid illustrations and interesting article is well worthy of a place in this booklet.

Stanley E. Griffith tells of the Postal History of New Jersey.

We learn from Gerardine Van Urk that Kent B. Stiles is the father of the first stamp columns in American Newspapers. Her article is both interesting and enlightening.

Michael Miller of Baltimore who apparently don't collect anything but pieces of stamps has an article on Bisects. He has long been known as an authority on such items and the article is enlightening, altho we would like to know a bit more about many of the more modern stamps that get this treatment.

All in all the Congress book is of much interest and good reading. Copies are available at \$1.00 each from the Secretary, Jere Hess Barr, 533 Penn Street, Reading, Pa.

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New 2d Australian Stamp Shows King Geo. VI

Mr. John A. Thompson, president of the Society of Australian Specialists sends a copy of the new 2d stamp for Australia which was issued on December 4th. It is in a reddish purple color on white paper, bearing a watermark, Small Crown and C of A Multiple.



The stamp shows a portrait of His Majesty King George VI in an oval frame, with an Australian red gum tree in the background. Printed in sheets showing two panes of 80 stamps with gutter between and with imprint, "Issued by the Authority of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia". Comb machine perforation.

NEW STAMPS NEXT YEAR

If our Postoffice Department expects to follow up the custom of the past by issuing a special stamp for the hundredth anniversary of statehood, we should have a new stamp from Florida which came into the Union on March 3, 1845 also in the same year on December 29 for Texas.

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We learn with deep regret of the death of Willard Otis Wylie, who for many years past has been editor of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, he died on November 30th and was buried on December 3. Mr. Wylie had reached the ripe old age of 82 years, he was the dean of American Philatelic Publishers and a man who has lived a splendid life.

Coming Harmer Sale Offers Many Gems

The San Francisco cog cancels this well-centered pair of the 10c dark green "August" issue. It is one of the gems in a superb U. S.



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The response to "Pan Americanism in Postage Stamps," a national high school contest sponsored by the Philatelic Section of the Pan American Union and the American Philatelic Society, has been so hearty and widespread that the time for entries and the preliminary contests have both been extended.

The United States has been divided into 37 Districts in each of which a local contest is to be held. The time for the holding of these contests has been extended from January 1 to March 1, 1945. Dates and regulations governing entries in District Contests will be left to District Representatives in order that full advantage may be taken of differing conditions in the various localities. The Final Contest will, as previously announced, be held during April in Washington, D. C.

In view of the enthusiasm of the high school groups throughout the country, arrangements have been made for a larger display in Washington than was originally contemplated. It was first intended to show only the entries awarded First place in each of the 37 Districts. Through the courtesy of Dr. Alexander Wetmore of the Smithsonian Institution the large gallery of the National Museum has been made available so that winners of both the First and Second Awards in each of the 37 Districts of the United States may be shown.

This enlargement of the original program will enable a greater number of contestants to participate in the contest and broadens the picture of the high school students' expression of the meaning of Pan Americanism.

The final Contest entries will be on display from April 8 through 30, 1945. The Judges of the Contest will make their selection early during the showing and announcement of the winners will be made on April 14 in Washington as a part of the International Celebration of Pan American Day.

Information as to the names and addresses of the District Representatives of the American Philatelic Society appointed by its President, may be obtained by addressing the Philatelic Section of the Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C.

CONVENTION FOR 1945 BEING PLANNED BY O. P. S.

Announcement has been made that the Oklahoma Philatelic Society will hold a convention in the fall of 1945. The Bartlesville Stamp Club will act as host.

C. N. A. DeBajlithy, chairman of the convention committee states that he expects more than 200 members to attend this convention since none has been held since the war began. Exhibits will be limited to about 150 frames.



War-Time Moving In Bond Street Has Its Hazards

The H. R. Harmer London quarters were moved recently from 131-137 New Bond Street across the way to Nos. 39-42, where the entire second story provides 50 per cent more floor space. There was some regret on leaving the scene of many triumphs, such as the sale of more than \$170,000 of the "Hind" Mauritius in two hours one afternoon. However the new location will permit the postwar expansion planned. The new auction room has windows on three sides, yet is free from outside noise. Attractive postwar interior decorations are to come.

The following intimate account of our philatelic trek across Bond Street was written by an executive of our London staff, Mr. H. J. Ransom in a personal letter to Mr. H. R. Harmer.

By H. J. Ransom

For a wartime move, we did well to get safely into the new premises without loss or accident. The fun began with the safe shifters wanting to put the job forward just one day. They wanted the lift well-hole on Friday and Saturday, leaving Sunday for "contingencies"—the real reason being a "war move" contract on the following Monday.

As the Aeolian Co. (the Building owners) had kindly given us the Saturday and Sunday without demur and by arrangement weeks ago, we kept the safe men to these days and got over the difficulty by using the lift itself for the small safes under one ton, which was the capacity of the lift. They got to work getting others off their pedestals and rolling them near the lift—well-scattered over the floor.

Owing to the possibility of air raids, the safes were repacked every night. Three tall ones would not go through the lift doorway. So we emptied them, threw them on their sides and propped the doors open to fill them again. Saturday morning Messrs. Waygood Otis & Co., the moving Contractors left the lift in the basement took the weight off the ropes by slinging up the counterweights, and pulled the ropes to one side out of the way. By Sat-

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urday noon we had eight safes through the second floor window of the new office, with the four heavy brutes ahead, so I called the foreman and the gang together and told them my view of the situation:

"You've got a date on Monday you can't get out of."

"Yus, guvnor Government job. We'll be free, Tuesday."

"I've got a date too on Monday. Moving men are coming in with a staff of women and girls. And there is a window out up there 12 feet square, just asking for rain and snow. If you come back on Tuesday, I can't get the window in till the next day so I'll make you a proposition: Get these four safes down today and leave them on the street level in our hall. Get them up tomorrow, spread about the floor, and there's a quid (\$5.00) apiece for you. I'll get the window in first thing on Monday and you can do the final placings any time on Tuesday. How's that?"

Thank God, they agreed. So we all went round to the Grosvenor and I bought them (and myself) a pint each. Later on I got hold of the brains of the gang, one Syd, who sucked an empty pipe from Thursday to Sunday, and told him the boys certainly looked like earning their quid—but it depended on him. So I slipped him an extra one. I felt awfully generous considering it was the firm's money.

As we were transferring about £100,000 worth of clients' property, I booked policemen to be on the spot while the girls carried across collections and parcels on Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, and at the same time to keep people from under the safes. I took the job on during Saturday morning. By blocking the pavement with tackle and odd timber, I persuaded people from the other approach to "just step off the curb please." I'm not surprised at road accidents after this. Without exception, every body looked up at the safe and went into the road without regarding the traffic, their heads screwed round and upwards until they made the curb again!

My job was packing safes as fast as the stuff came across. The Aeolian Hall people had a concert at 5:15, and a fellow came for me about the safes littering up the entrance. Must have six feet clear and soon. So by the time I had settled him, we had all four down, well distributed and the place looked like nothing on Earth.

On Sunday the boys went off with a bang and were finished by 4:30. We adjourned for a cup of tea and invited the cop to join us. Just as we were thinking of packing up and going home, another cop turned up. He had been informed by a man that six rough looking chaps went into Harmer's and a policeman had followed and sometime later the chaps hurried

out and drove away in a lorry, but no policeman had appeared. Query: Where was he? Well he was starting on his third cup of tea, so No. 2 was very relieved and also joined in.

Not long after, owing to No. 2 having passed the word that he was going to Harmer's, the Police Sergeant comes along to see what all this nonsense was. This gave our tea ration coupons a bit of a sting, but we could afford to laugh as everything was safe we had had perfect weather and no air raid damage.

Monday's gang consisted of two smart fellows and four odds. You can imagine the sort of labor that is free to go furniture moving these days.

In our new offices I had lettered every room and cubicle from A to R, and by marking all the stuff got most of it into the right place first time. We practically took over both lifts, the quantity of small stuff in the old spare room was terrific.

The basement stuff went out to the side lane onto a lorry, and was easy in comparison. The only snag was that the lorry engine could not be coaxed into revolving till about 11, and it was midday before it arrived to do a journey of 80 yards.

Instead of three days it ran into five. One "man" found Monday enough, and we never saw him again. The firm was reduced to four tea chests for packing, and there were countless books, hundreds of parcels of correspondence and thousands of catalogues—or was it millions?

I had a final glance around over the road, and it looked rather awful. Where a fine safe had stood and defied all the crooks and jimmies there was now a dirty mark. Where lights blazed, two bits of wire and scorched plaster. The auction room, where H. R. Harmer obtained a record number of five-figure bids in one afternoon, looked like fourpence.

I must revert to the safe slingers because of one immense youth who wasn't far off 16 stone (224 pounds), aged 23. I suggested that as a heavyweight he could make a better living but he modestly told me he had been blitzed once or twice! The first time driving a lorry down hill, a bomb blew his brake gear away. He remembers seeing the dial at 70 m. p. m., tried to hold it and woke up in hospital three days later.

The other squeak was at home—buried with floor joists holding his head down, and a piece of metal in his stomach. His mother was blinded for life, and his "bruvver" has only half a face! "But he don't care" I was assured. He's having plastic surgery every so often, and now the only job is to put some stiffening in his new ear. It says, "but he don't care"!!

That night we had a nasty raid and his "farver" got burnt with phosphorous. I expressed my sympathy and hoped he would soon get well, but to my amazement "Farver" had gone to work as usual. "Didn't want the old lady to know—she'd only worry."

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Here are the postmarks and backstamps of the recent Topeka first flights. As I mentioned last week, Topeka was added to both AM-2 and AM-9 on December 1st.

Postmarks
Topeka, Kans. (west to Wichita)
AM-2 2:00 PM, AM-9 1:30 PM.

Topeka, Kans. (east to Kans. City)
AM-2 12:30 PM, AM-9 8:30 AM.

Wichita, Kans. (east to Topeka)
AM-2 6:30 AM, AM-9 11:30 AM.

Kansas City (postoffice) to Topeka, AM-2 9:00 AM, AM-9 12:00 M.

Kansas City Airmail Field to Topeka AM-2 2:00 PM, AM-9 1:30 PM.

Backstamps
Topeka (from Kansas City) AM-2 4:30 PM, AM-9 4:30 PM.

Topeka (from Wichita) AM-2 10:30 AM, AM-9 4:00 PM.

Kansas City (from Topeka) AM-2 Gen. Del., AM-9 Gen. Del.

Wichita (from Topeka) AM-2 6:30 PM, AM-9 6:30 PM.

All postmarks and backstamps are dated December 1st. Obviously, backstamps are only applied to covers addressed c/o General Delivery at the city involved. In-pounding, etc., will appear at a later date.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my readers who sent me Seasons Greetings Cards; and to wish all of you a Happy And Prosperous 1945. I am confident that all of you join with me in praying that by this time next

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Stamp News From Pan American Union

Red Cross Receives Government Recognition.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the governing board of the Pan American union, eight of the Latin American governments have now let it be known that they have, or will pay their respects to the International Red Cross or its component units through the issuance of special postage stamps. Three of them, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Venezuela, have already placed allotments of their respective postal issues with the Philatelic section of the Pan American union where they are available at face value. It is anticipated that others will be available in Washington as soon as they are released. Meanwhile unprecedented demands for them are being received, not alone from stamp collectors but also from Red Cross workers throughout the nation, as souvenirs of the great humanitarian institution with which they are associated.

Postal officials of the United States have informally indicated that a similar special issue in this country is looked upon with favor and that an announcement may be expected within a short time.

Argentina Cooperates With Other Americas in Philatelic Fields.

After considerable correspondence between the Pan American union and the postal authorities of Argentina negotiations have been concluded for the shipment of allotments of all new postal issues to Washington so that they may more readily be available to collectors and dealers. Special federal legislation was enacted in Buenos Aires to legalize this innovation.

A preliminary shipment has just been received by the Pan American union in Washington consisting of quite a long list of current Argentine postal issues, including the San Juan Earthquake relief series, the regular mail issue showing the portraits of many of the heroes of the days when Argentina was struggling for independence from Spain, special stamps in compliment to Samuel F. B. Morse and Alexander Graham Bell, and another group showing the various products of Argentine agriculture. The series of portrait stamps is ably covered from an historical viewpoint in Rogelio E. Alfaro's "Who's who on the postage stamps of Argentina" published by the Pan American union and available at 10c per copy.

The ready availability of these postal issues is exceedingly timely, affording an excellent opportunity to stamp collectors in the United States to familiarize themselves with the historical background of Argentina, one of the most important nations of the western hemisphere.

Argentina is the seventh Latin American Republic to associate with the Pan American union in the maintenance of a central office through which several million collectors in the United States are able to obtain new postal issues at face value. This single source, offering the stamps of several countries, has become increasingly

popular during the past year as emergency wartime restrictions have rendered the international shipment of postage stamps more difficult. Commercial dealers in particular have found it inconvenient to obtain stocks through channels formerly utilized and are day by day taking greater advantage of the services of the Philatelic section of the Pan American union in order to keep alive a hobby which involves an estimated annual circulation of ten million dollars in Latin American stamps alone.

Dominican Republic Provides U. S. Market With New Material.

A substantial shipment of current and recent postage stamps has just been received by the Philatelic section of the Pan American union in Washington from the Dominican Republic. Long awaited by stamp collectors and dealers in the United States, it contains several colorful issues including the national centenary regular and air mail issues, a religious group depicting the virgin of highest grace, a group showing cattle and bananas and several other highly interesting national subjects.

The Dominican Republic was first among the Latin American nations to take advantage of the inter-American Philatelic services of the Pan American union and therefore now has a larger variety of stamps available at the Washington office of the union than any other government. These postal issues, through their varied pictures, offer an interesting insight into the life, culture and development of this interesting land which Christopher Columbus, in his will, directed was to be the last resting place for his mortal remains.

On January 6, 1945 the 100th anniversary of the signing of the first constitution of the Republic will be celebrated. The occasion will be marked with the release of a new series of regular mail postage stamps, a set of 1/2, 1, 2, 3 and 10c. values. An allotment of the stamps will be sent from the Island Republic in ample time to be placed on sale at the Pan American union on the following day. This ideal arrangement is one which commercial dealers in the United States have long endeavored to perfect.

High School Pan American Contest

"Pan Americanism in Postage Stamps" is a contest sponsored by the Pan American union with the cooperation of the American Philatelic society. The United States has been divided into 37 districts where preliminary contests are to be held to select the most attractively annotated and embellished stamp collections pertinent to inter-American relations. A surprising interest is being manifested in the contest, as indicated in the inquiries and correspondence reaching the Philatelic section of the Pan American union in Washington. Two contest bulletins have thus far been released from Washington and others embodying helpful hints and teachers' aid material are in preparation for release shortly.

A price list of Philatelic publications and available postal issues may be obtained by addressing a request, with return postage to the Philatelic section, Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.

Cover With 24c 1869 Brings \$310 In Sale Of Yardley U. S., Latin-Amer.

Keen bidding for fine 19th century U. S. covers featured the sale of the U. S., Central and South America portions of the famous R. B. Yardley Collection held in London by H. R. Harmer of Bond Street on October 9-10. The "used on entire" U. S. included:

A 5c grayish brown 1847, blue grid postmark, \$52. A 10c grayish black 1847, red grid postmark, \$112. A 5c red brown 1851 on cover to Paris with light town postmark, \$210. A pair of the 10c 1851, type I, plus a single 10c, type II, on one cover, \$136. A 5c olive yellow 1861 on cover with 10c green, same issue, \$104, a similar cover, \$112.

A 24c steel blue 1861 on cover with magenta grid postmark, \$104. A 30c orange 1861, used with pair of 1c blue and single 10c yellow green, \$52. A 15c black 1866, on cover to Paris, \$50. A 24c 1869, slightly off center, \$310. A 7c vermilion of 1871, with grill, \$76. A 30c black, used with 1c grayish blue on official cover from Washington to France, \$64. The 7c orange vermilion of 1873 on cover with 3c envelope stamp, \$72.

The off-cover U. S. items also produced some highly competitive bidding. A few of these prices were:

The Providence, 5c unused, \$13.50. A 10c 1847 with blue grid postmark, \$84. A 10c 1847 with red "10" postmark and re-entry in "Post Office," \$124. A used 5c red brown 1851, \$68. An unused 24c dull purple of 1861 (September), \$48. A lightly postmarked 3c of 1867, with grill covering entire stamp, \$21. An unused 90c 1869, \$124. A well-centered unused horizontal pair of the 7c orange vermilion of 1873, \$33. Two copies of the 90c rose carmine unused, one well-centered and fine, \$42.

Two Confederate covers brought noteworthy prices. A 2c green of 1861-62, used on a 2c postal stationery envelope, made \$152, and a 10c blue 1863 with frame lines, \$92.

South American lots that held the spotlight included the following:

Argentina, two 5c imperf. and one 5c perf. 1867, used, \$40.

Buenos Aires 1858 1p, variety "CIN Ps." tied to cover, \$50. Bolivia, pair of the 10c brown, first issue, tied to cover with violet postmark, \$136. A lot of six early Bolivia covers, including one of the "Private Posts," \$200.

Chile, a lightly postmarked copy of the 5c red brown lithograph of 1854, \$60. Dominican Republic, an unused sheet of 12 of the 1r deep green, first issue, \$440. Ecuador, a rare, possibly unique cover with strip of seven 1r, first issue with vertically laid paper, plus a single, \$190. Peru, 1/2p yellow buff, tied to cover with "Lima" postmark, \$72.

News Of Coming Stamps From Windsor Stamp Company Of England

The following NEW ISSUE information may be of use and interest to your readers:

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TONGA. Queens Jubilee commemorative set obsolete after Dec. 31st, 1944.

35c Stamp Brings \$80 In Recent Harmer Sale

When a stamp catalogued at 35 cents auctions for \$80, it's news even if it was the postmark that upped the ante. It's enough to make any collector whip out his Roman States to see if he, too, is lucky enough to have a straight-line BRACCIANO in scrip letters. For this was the rare cancellation on the Roman States 1852 2b yellow green, on piece, which brought this phenomenal price in the sale of the fourth portion of the "Connoisseur" Collection (Europe and British Empire, chiefly, held Dec. 4-5 by H. R. Harmer, 32 E. 57th St., New York. The sale realized \$22,601, although it consisted of only 571 lots.

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GREETINGS FROM MANY FRIENDS

If you have not yet noted the unusual V-Mail Christmas Greeting pictured on page one, look at it now before reading farther for this is just the second chapter of our story of greetings from many of the boys overseas who still get our paper and from many others all over America who have remembered us this year with a message of cheer. Most Christmas cards are intended merely as a memento of remembrance and have served their purpose when they reach the one to whom addressed. To stamp collectors however, Christmas cards have taken on a new significance and interest, especially those that come via V-Mail and from the boys overseas, for many such will pass down through the years as Philatelists prized pieces just like the old Valentines of yesteryear are now treasured. Several interesting V-Mail greetings have come from both the Eastern and Western theaters of war and besides that from Lt. Hathaway mentioned on the front page we have from the Pacific area, a V-Mail from an old Columbus, Ohio, friend, Karl T. Broadley, one from T/Sgt. H. T. Price, from Cpl. F. D. Mulford, one from Sgt. William Yorwill in the Dutch East Indies, one from E. M. Bickford with the Navy and from K. J. Weiss of the Navy a neat one which pictures a sailor boy starting down the chimney with a Jap in his bag—it's worded "In The Bag".

From the Eastern theatre we have identical cards from both Lt. Bert Brownier and Pvt. T. E. Van Sickle, both from India and picturing Santa going to town on an ox cart to which are hitched a couple of those hump-backed cows that are natives to India. From Cpl. A. E. Shaffer two V-Mail greetings that will find a place in our collection.

Some of the boys found Greeting cards in their localities and others improvised as is evident from the following lot all from men in the service. There is the folder from Robert D. Eiland, the verse from which we quoted last week. A mimeographed form from Sgt. Edward Nadwordny in the Philippines. A home made card from B. S. Rosser, which bears a typewritten greeting on the front page which reads, "The Inhabitant of Bernie's Fox Hole and Hacienda in the Pacific Wishes You . . ." A prize piece in this line.

Ernest K. Hinson managed to do some of his unusual printing of a splendid card aboard the U. S. S. Bountiful. Hardin Wright, now in the service sends a handsome card. From E. S. Amsler at Camp Roberts comes one of the special folders available to all the boys.

From Lt. Bert Brownier, but signed Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brownier and Family, comes an unusual card from India. It shows three native girls in bathing. Lt. Brownier, says, "This is a common sight here, but you'll notice that they don't 'take it off'. Bert refers to the fact that altho in the water, they still have their clothes of some sort on. For the information of his friends we might state that Bert married an Atlanta girl before he went overseas and now has a little daughter which he has not yet seen. A nice card from Sgt. David B. Browne of Camp Claiborne. Another regular Christmas card from Cpl. A. E. Shaffer believed to be on the western front. From S/Sgt. A. W. Goede a native Italian card direct from Italy and all dressed up with military trimmings.

Right here would seem to be a good place to thank Mrs. Johanna Naegele of E. Weymouth, Mass, who sends us a glass ash tray which she decorated with old stamps and also clipped our picture as in this column for the bottom of the tray. Its a splendid little piece that we will use and think of Mrs. Naegele as the years roll on.

I have already used so much of this space to give special mention to those cards from the boys in the service, those who most deserve our thoughts and attention at this season that I shall have to be satisfied to go through the remainder of the pile of cards and greetings from friends in this country by mere mention of their names. My appreciation however is none the less and I only hope I have not missed anyone. Cards are still coming in every mail but this is written on the afternoon of December 20th and more cards will have to wait until next week for acknowledgement.

Thanks a million to Ted Harrington of Denver; Rev. A. A. Hyde, of Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lusk and Jane, Liberty, Miss. Right now let me say that the towns mentioned are from postmarks and may not in all cases be residence of the sender, but that is the best we can do in most cases. From Wm. J. Hubbell of Detroit, Alexander H. Szymanski, Youngstown, Ohio; Robert E. Lippert, Detroit; Daniel J. Norander Jr., Detroit; J. B. Edwards, El Jaral, Honduras, C. A.; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lindquist, New York; L. W. Charlet, New York; Father Flanagan of Boys Town; Murbush Philatelic Approvals of Indianapolis; J. Leo Forcier, Woonsocket, R. I.; James H. Dooren, Allentown, Pa.; Dr. S. H. Bowman; Philadelphia; E. J. V. Haller, Chicago; Park City Stamp House, Bridgeport, Conn., a handsome calendar card.

A beautiful card with a British-American flavor from H. R. Harmer and Staff of New York; John G. Kiefer, Philadelphia; Paul W. Michelson, De Kalb, Ill.; John Stanard, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Zinsmeister, Chicago; Guy R. Freese, South Bend, Ind.; Lucius Jackson of the Stamp Wholesaler, Burlington, Vt.; Mrs. Billy Gilmore, Monterey, Calif.; Y. Souren, N. Y., who uses a Photo of the frame of the 24c airmail stamp and prints his greeting inverted in the frame. From Jesse L. Bogard of Briggs, Texas; Samuel L. Goldsticker Jr., of Newark, N. J.; Max Ohlman of New York; Charles G. Schiffner, Chicago; Chas. B. Charnatz, Sylvania, Ohio; Lester S. Glass of Phila.; A. L. Delpuech, Knoxville, Tenn.; B. & D. Stamp Co., Middleboro, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Encl H. Dodge of Warsaw, Indiana; J. F. McGee with the Union Pacific at Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Goldberg, Chicago; Penny Black Stamp Co., New York; Richard and Bernice Kirchhoff, Madison, Wisc.; Ralph P. Werve of Saginaw, Mich.; Fred Harmer of Zanesville, Ohio; Clarence Swanson of Chicago; Carl E. Welcome of Westfield, Mass., and a splendid hand painted Patriotic Christmas cover from William Clendennen of Port Jervis, N. Y.

Thanks to all and we are just able to squeeze you all in this column.

Venezuela Stamps Are Made For Sucker Trade

A Lancaster, Pa., subscriber sends us a half page advt. clipped from a New York Stamp Mag. in which a dealer offers some Venezuela stamps with the statements that only 100 copies were issued or 100 sets were issued of the two different items. The prices are naturally high and our reader wants to know what we can do about such things.

We wrote him back that we thought that he and others who support stamp papers that carry offers of such things ought to take it up with the publisher and ask him what to do about it, but of course if that were done, nothing might come of it.

The stamps offered are the recent Venezuela Air Mail, of the Base Ball issue and the Red Cross issue. The statement that only 100 of each were issued is a questionable one for certainly no government would "ISSUE" just 100 of any stamp. It is most probable, since these are in the market that imperforate sheets of the two issues were carried out of the Printing plant and are now being offered to American Suckers. Just so long as there are "Suckers" who will patronize this class of material you can expect it to continue to come. Besides needing an expert committee in America we also need a Catalogue Committee, one with backbone enough to "black ball" such stamps as these and call them what they are and leave them out of the Scott Catalogue and then let collectors use the Scott Catalogue and forget these others which apparently list anything that has the faintest resemblance to a stamp.

No publisher can clear up such situations for you suckers, you got to clear them up yourself by not being suckers.

More Greek Inflation Noted On Post Card

Mr. A. E. Pade, Denver, Colorado dealer sends a clipping from a local newspaper which pictures a post card which he received from a correspondent in Greece. The card bears a stamp of 5 million Drachmas and two others of 500,000 Drachmas each, making a total of six million Drachmas to mail a post card.

Postage for such a card before the war was five drachmas, then worth about two thirds of a cent each or approximately 3 cents in U. S. money. We reprint the story with the clipping herewith.

Kimon Catacalos of Athens, Greece, must have used a wagon-load of money to buy stamps when he mailed a postcard to A. E. Pade of 1639 Stout st., a stamp dealer.

The card, postmarked Nov. 8 and received Monday by Mr. Pade, carried six million drachmas worth of stamps, with one five-million drachma stamp and two 500,000, evidence of what inflation did to Greek money. When Mr. Pade last received a card from Mr. Catacalos, a business associate, in 1940, the postage was five drachmas.

At the last rate of exchange before the invasion of Greece, quoted April 26, 1941, the drachma was worth .68 cents. Six million drachmas, at that rate, would be equivalent of \$40,800, though inflation has since completely upset the economic cart and new stabilization efforts are now under way.

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Now that we've turned the corner into 1945, let's go off on the right foot and pay up our dues. All members numbered from #1 up to and including #500, who have no recollection of sending in their quarter during the past year, are now due for renewal and I am still holding a few copies of the new Year Book and membership roster awaiting word from them. If you have not received your copy of the booklet, you may be pretty certain that you are one of the "hold-outs" so get that "two-bits" along to us pronto.

SPACE RESTRICTIONS

To those of you who have been writing in to the "Old Sec" asking for something more interesting than notices in the column, I want to let you know that due to the limitations of space afforded us caused by wartime conditions, it is impossible for Mr. Linn to allow us any more latitude than our present expression.

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THE WINNERS: First prize Arthur Gray, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Second prize: Helen Pettigrew, Charleston, Arkansas. Third prize: Ensign Chas. M. Schwartz, Jr., St. Albans, L. I., N. Y. Fourth prize: Walter Jacobowitz, Jersey City, N. J. Honorable mention: J. V. C. Gregory, Dayton, O.; Geo. E. Kaufman, Atchison, Kans.; Chas. A. McNeill, Jr., Piedmont, Calif.; Henry Arnold, Buffalo, N. Y.

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NIGHT OF JANUARY 15th: As some of you may recall, I recently challenged Stephen Rich to debate on the subject "THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILATELIC PRESS." The Essex Stamp Club of Newark, N. J. has been kind enough to sponsor this event, although their program committee has classified this as an open forum instead of a debate. Consider this an invitation to attend this event at the club rooms of the Essex Stamp Club in Newark on the night of January 15, 1945. This will be an excellent opportunity for some of my readers who object so strenuously to my writing to come and fire questions at me. I shall also look forward to meeting the host of the people who have been kind enough to write me such nice letters and trust they will be on hand as moral backing. This also gives those members of the Thursday Night Bourse who have been gunning for me, a chance to attend and carry out their threats, and I trust they will first give a report on their patriotic activities including the Oswego, N. Y., refugees before committing mayhem. January 15th should be an interesting event at the Essex Stamp Club.

TRAVEL NOTES: Would appreciate hearing from dealers or real philatelists in Tulsa, Bartlesville and Ponca City, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Mo. St. Paul and Minneapolis and Louisville Ky. Am heading in those directions soon and want to tell the readers of Linn's what is going on in your sections of the country, and would like to know whom I may contact in your town. Thanks for writing.

PAN AMERICAN UNION: I'm strong for the Pan American Union stamp section and my good friend Albert Kunze who is one of the very grandest people in philately. But I'm not strong for the Argentine Republic and the announcement from the P. A. U. regarding the sale of mint Argentinian leaves me frigid. While the functions of P. A. U. are to promote good feelings, and while I do not attempt to suggest how it should be run, I do urge you again and again and again not to buy mint stamps of Argentine, thus pouring American dollars into the pockets of the Fascists who run Argentina. PLEASE DON'T BUY ARGENTINE MINT. Let someone else finance their gangster activities which includes the royal nose thumbing they are giving your Uncle Sam.

IT'S A LIE: Your Uncle Sam protects you, but my Uncle Harry (Weiss) slanders me. I stopped in Milwaukee between trains to see my nieces. Because of the long trip I was on I happened to carry a spare \$20 bill. Uncle Harry who has a nose that will smell out anything bigger than two bits immediately ran to the station to try and sell me a barn. No truth that I am residing in Milwaukee, since as Uncle Harry put it—the town of Shorewood has become a home for the aged. Heck, folks—I'm still running away from the draft board. I mean the one from the Spanish American War, of course! I shall only start to think about Milwaukee when I can get into Uncle's class, but it takes more than my number of years to become THAT rich.

LAWRENCE W. CASE
 Readers continually ask for advice as to what to collect in stamps for "investment purposes", and since I am not qualified to speak about United States Stamps, my one suggestion is AIR MAILS mint and used. Unquestionably this is one group of stamps that will enhance in value with the coming years. However, don't go out and buy all the cheap air mails and expect to make a fortune overnight. Remember the better air mail sets, like the blue ribbon stocks on the N. Y. Stock

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Several letters reaching my desk are bitter in their denouncement of firms sending unsolicited approvals. The same names appear in complaint after complaint and it's about time the ASDA did something about it. After all, if the ASDA is organized to protect the dealers, it ought to commence some kind of a clean-up campaign.

Word from overseas is that it will take several years to unravel the genuine French stamps from those issued by the Nazis and which were official Nazi stamps and official French stamps as against those that were issued by mayors of towns and hamlets or overprinted by anyone with a printing press. A soldier-philatelist reports over 300 varieties already seen and I again warn you not to grab at the first stamps that reach these shores. You'll be badly burned. Just as the first U. S. Military stamps were sold for \$2.00 and upwards per set and are now being peddled for under a dollar, so will issue after issue that is shipped to these shores descend in value as time goes by. Don't be a sucker for the boys with the glib tongues. Bide your time and get the stamps into your collection at the right price and by right price I mean the level to which they will ultimately sink if enough collectors hold off their buying.



JOSEPH J. GOLDBERG, Editor
 4735 N. Bernard St. Chicago 25, Ill.
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Apparently a limited supply of the Catamarca and La Rioja sheets have been located "Muestras" on proof paper. Printing is in slightly different colors.
BRAZIL—Air Mail. A single commemorative, a 1 Cr.20 red-violet, honoring Bartolomeu de Gusama was issued. He was one of the true pioneers of air flight and demonstrated his lighter-than-air apparatus before a distinguished group.

EGYPT—The Tribune Stamp Co. notes a new 17m., olive-green, with likeness of King Farouk.
FRANCE—From the General Stamp Co., has come a report of a scarce variety of the 50c "Mercury" type overprinted on a grayish paper, and also a 1 Fr. "Petain" overprinted "R. F." on yellowish paper.

RUSSIA—Commemoratives. Three new portrait stamps have been received and seem to honor war heroes. All stamps are upright and picture the heads of these great fighters. There is a 30k bright green, 30k slate green pictures V. CHAPAYEV, a guerrilla leader; and 30k dull brown picturing N. SHORE.

SALVADOR—Postage & Air Mails. Due to a shortage of the 8c postage, and 30c air mails, the government decided to release the Cuscatlan Bridge stamps of those denominations, scheduled for 1942 release, with a small shield of San Salvador overprinted in the upper right corner. Values are 8c., postage.

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48	.01	82	.25	128	.01
49	.01	83	.47	129	.01
50	.02	84	.10	130	.02
51	.04	85	.10	131	.04
52	.04	86	.20	132	.04
53	.04	87	.10	133	.05
54	.04	88	.10	134	.05
55	.05	89	.10	135	.14
56	.04	90	.12	136	.19
57	.04	91	.12	137	.12
58	.06	92	.12	138	.12
59	.06	93	.15	139	.12
60	.07	94	.15	140	.12
61	.07	95	.18	141	.15
62	.08	96	.18	142	.15
63	.08	97	.18	143	.15
64	.10	98	.20	144	.20
65	.10	99	.22	145	.20
66	.10	100	.22	146	.25
67	.10	101	.25	147	.25
68	.10	102	.25	148	.25
69	.12	103	.25	149	.30
70	.12	104	.25	150	.30
71	.12	105	.25	151	.30
72	.12	106	.25	152	.30
73	.12	107	.25	153	.30
74	.11	108	.30	154	.30
75	.11	109	.30	155	.30
		110	.50	156	.40
		111	.50	157	.40
		112	.50	158	.40
		113	.50	159	.40
		114	.50	160	.40
		115	.50	161	.40
		116	.50	162	.40
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 —Jos. Silver

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76	.02	119	.03	175	.25	221B*	.04	O18	.07	O70*	.03	
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29. Flag with background of trees (B). Wording—Still waving etc. (R).
 - (a) As #29 except printed in virkotype.
30. Large eagle on branch (R).
 - (a) As #30 except in virkotype.
 - (b) As #30 in (B).
 - (c) As #30 in (B1).
 - (d) As #30 in (G).
 - (e) As #30 in (O).
31. Farmer, mechanic and business man, oval background with stars above heads. Wording—All for One, One for All (B).
 - (a) As #31 printed in (Bn)
32. Wording—The American Soldier Speaks (R) poem in (B) superimposed over large head of Washington (Y).
33. Same title and poem (R) over large head of Lincoln (B).
34. Large head of Lincoln (B). No copyright line.
35. Large F in (R) forming first letter of all four words. Wording—Food fights for freedom, Grow more in box below, (G).
36. Same as #35 except F (P) and balance (G) Wording—More victory gardens in 1944, below. (G).
37. Lincoln splitting rails. Wording—Freedom is the last etc. (P).
38. Fife and drum players (B). Wording—That Same Liberty March etc. (R).
39. Poem by N. L. Carpenter, "There's a blue star etc., (B), all between two heavy vertical bars, with stars (R).
40. Roosevelt before crossed flags. Wording—See him thru to Victory. Picture in light blue, wording in dark blue.
41. Osborne's "A Soldiers Prayer" (B1) superimposed on the American Legion emblem in (Y).
42. Sailor before flag (B). Wording—Our Navy and Marines etc. (R).
43. Laughing devil. Wording—Nazi Divisions, Ha! Ha! etc. (R).
 - (a) As #43 printed in (B).
 - (b) As #43 printed in (B1).
44. Wording—There's an 'L' of a difference between Allies and All Lies etc. (R & B).
 - (a) As #44 printed all in (B1).
45. Large spread eagle, shield on chest (Bn) corner card of Carpenter, Holliston Mass., (Bn & R) Envelope 4 x 7 1/2" of buff paper.
46. Uncle Sam holding rifle (B). Wording—He stands with ever watchful eye etc. (B).
47. Same picture as #46 (R). Wording—I knew it . . . the same . . . etc. etc. (B).
48. Puritan man and woman by fire (B). Wording—God Bless America, (R).
49. Puritans at Thanksgiving meal (P). Wording—God Bless America, (B1).

A. P. S. Central Office At State College, Pa.

Meeting at Philadelphia December 2nd the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society took final action to locate the central office of the Society at State College, Pa. Taking its name from Pennsylvania's famous State College, the town is located in the exact center of the Keystone State, and about halfway between Altoona and Williamsport. Chief interest of the community is the college where in peace time are found from 7 to 10,000 students.

H. Clay Musser was chosen by the Directors as the new Executive Secretary of the Society. He will assume his duties April 1, 1945. Mr. Musser is a graduate of Penn State having received his B. A. degree in 1925 from the School of Commerce and Finance. For many years he served in the Treasurer's Office of the College. He is at present connected with the Titan Metal & Manufacturing Co.

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American Philatelic Congress News

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The registration was larger than at any previous Congress and already more than 80% of the books printed have been sold so that those desiring to keep their files complete should order the books at once. The books alone sell for \$1.00 or \$1.25 including membership.

Mr. W. R. McCoy of New York was elected to membership on the Council and also as Vice President and Congress Editor. The work of editing the books has heretofore been handled by the Secretary, Mr. McCoy formerly edited the Collectors Club Philatelist so that the work is familiar to him. He has already advised the writer that several articles have been promised for next year.

Mr. Robert Brinkton, whose article on "Postage Dues" was discussed at the Congress, is preparing additional material and when available will probably be printed and sent to members as a supplement during the year. He is working on this now.

At this Congress the papers were not read but the authors gave brief resumes of their papers and then answered questions or heard comments from the floor regarding the subjects under discussion. This entirely new method proved much more interesting and met with general approval.

The Congress has already received two invitations for the 1945 meeting but have as yet made no decision.

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By E. H. DODGE

Cover collecting during the past year appears to have made rapid strides among budding philatelists, boys and girls, who have little to spend in building up their hobby, but who have gone a long way at the minimum of expense. First day covers of United States adhesive issues have first place with these youngsters, but they have been extending their activities in many ways.

The writer recently was shown a number of covers prepared by an 11-year-old girl and which have an unusually attractive appearance. These covers were in connection with the tenth anniversary of the first streamline train service in the United States, established between Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Colo., by the Pioneer Zephyr of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, and now in daily service between Lincoln and McCook, Neb.

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envelope, is franked in the upper right hand corner with the three-cent purple stamp of 1944 depicting the "completion of the first transcontinental railroad" and in the center of which appears an old-time locomotive. To the left of this stamp is a used three-cent adhesive of the 1869 issue in used condition, also showing a locomotive of a somewhat different type than that on the three-cent stamp of 1944. Beneath the three-cent issue of 1869 and extending to the right, a distance of one-half inch under the recent commemorative is a used United States five-cent Parcel Post stamp, depicting a modern locomotive of that period and which is pulling a mail train. To the right of this stamp is the used two-cent red and black stamp of the Pan-American issue of 1901, in used condition, also showing a modern engine of that era. All of the stamps bore the special cancellation used in connection with the anniversary of the Burlington train.

Three other covers bear the three-cent United States commemorative stamp of 1944. In addition one cover has the one, two, five and six cent stamps of Honduras, showing a locomotive very similar in appearance to the engine appearing on the United States 1869 three-cent stamp. The other two covers have other denominations of the same set of Honduras stamps, with locomotives, in the denominations of five, 10 and 50 centimos and one peso.

The Burlington railroad company caused to be printed upon the left side of the envelope a cachet in purple 2 1/2 inches wide by three inches in depth. The stamps on the covers were hand cancelled "Omaha & Denver Train 22, Nov. 11, 1944, R. P. O."

The inscription upon the three-cent U. S., commemorative locomotive stamp of 1944 is somewhat misleading in view of the fact that there is no trans-continental railroad in the country and never has been, while Canada boasts three such systems.

The writer recently has been shown a number of interesting air mail covers, all postmarked at Palmer, Alaska, and a majority of which bear censorship markings, the scotch tape strip used to close the envelopes after the censor has read the contents. During the same period, however, certain air mail envelopes slipped through without being censored. The legality of censoring any letters originating in Alaska has been questioned with no explanation from Washington as to the authority for subjecting them to this action.

In the same collection there is an official current United States postal card, hardly half the thickness of the average card and on the back of which there are about 150 words written on a typewriter. The back of this card appears to be a trifle rough, indicating that the card had been expertly split in two over its entire length and breadth.

number of unusual covers from service men were noted by the writer in the same collection. Underneath the word "Free" on one of these appears in ink, "Thanks to F. D. R." Another bears the words, "Thanks to Mr. Roosevelt," beneath the "Free."

The same collection contained the one, two, four and five-cent stamped envelopes of the 1932 Bicentennial issue and bearing the printed penalty markings.

In another collection being built up by a boy of 15 the writer noted five covers of exceptional interest and which had been mailed to a friend in the United States by an American service man then on duty in the Pacific. These registered air mail and air mail covers were mailed in Burma, Hong-kong, Penang and other points just before the Japanese moved in.

Many youngsters are taking advantage of the present World War situation to annex many covers that even now are a valuable asset to any cover collection and which in the years to come will increase, both in interest and value.

One of these collections, con-

sisting of around 30 covers recently was shown to the writer and proved to be particularly intriguing in view of the fact that it was something different than the average run of such accumulations. The owner, a girl of around 16 years of age, had annexed a considerable number of glassine containers, which she cut to proper size as a protection for her covers. The crystal clear glassine had the effect of setting off the covers to the best advantage and at the same time they provided protection against the envelopes being damaged or soiled. That is the kind of cover collection that will enhance in value, despite the fact that none of the covers have been mounted.

The popularity of covers will continue to increase among philatelists, or just plain postage stamp collectors, and there never has been a time like the present to build up such collections.

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I am not much given to writing, but have just had occasion to go over a bunch of these air mails, and the illustrations and data in the catalog were of little help in distinguishing the two printings, so it occurred to me that the information might be useful to others.

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That "RF" Surcharge On U. S. Air Mail Stamps

We find what appears to be an official explanation of the "RF" surcharges that have been noted on United States Air Mail stamps coming from European and North African sources on letters to this country. The item is in the December 15 issue of the New York Sun, the stamp page by Franklin Bruns Jr., and comes from the Sun Bureau at Washington. We reprint it in full.

Stamp collectors have been interested in the receipt from overseas of mail in 6-cent embossed stamped air mail envelopes overprinted with the initials "RF". These letters appear to have originated with members of French naval forces judging from the cancellations, though investigation at the time of their receipt failed to disclose the significance of the overprint.

A communication has just been received at the Post Office Department from the Navy Department advising that the printing was no doubt performed by Free French forces located in Casablanca under authority of a directive reading as follows:

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